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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : JEAN-JACQUES LACROIX

Appl. No. : 10/713,276

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Title : QUICK COUPLER FOR REMOVABLY JOINING TWO PIPES

Grp./A.U. : 3679

Examiner : Dunwoody, Aaron M.

Docket No. : 14515

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

## PTO CUSTOMER NO. 000293

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 24, 2004, the following is submitted:

Amendments to the drawings are explained at page 2 of this response;

Amendments to the specification begin at page 3 of this response;

Amendments and a complete listing of the claims begin at page 4 of this response;

Remarks/Arguments/Election begin at page 8 of this response.